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FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed for foodgrains production during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the production of food-grains during eighties was more as compared to that in nineties;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to boost the production of foodgrains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission has fixed a target of 234 milliontonnes for foodgrains production for the terminal year of Ninth Five Year Plan comprising Rice 99.0, Wheat 83.00, Coarse Cereals 35.5 and Pulses 16.5 million tonnes.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Question does not arise.

(e): Integrated cereals development programme on rice, wheat and coarse cereals based cropping system areas are under implementation since 1994-95. Incentive to the farmers are being provided on certified seeds, implements use and upgradation of technical skill through training and organising production technology demonstrations. Besides this, seed minikit programme on rice, wheat and coarse cereals and propagation of new technology is under implementation with a view to popularize newly evolved varieties/hybrids. Technology Mission on oilseeds, Pulses and Maize is underimplementation to provide thrust for increasing production of oilseeds, Pulses and Maize.